

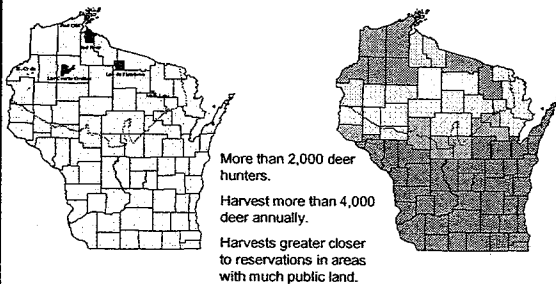


CWD Issues and Goal Statement

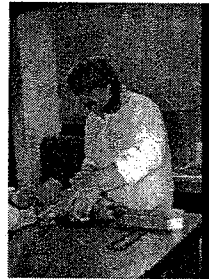
- Venison and other deer products (e.g., tanned hides) are needed by Ojibwe tribes as part of their culture and lifeway.
- Tribes have treaty rights to hunt deer to meet these needs.
- CWD threatens deer populations and would be detrimental to harvests.
- Thus, CWD poses a significant threat to the exercise of treaty-guaranteed deer hunting rights.

Goal – prevent diseased animals from transmitting CWD into healthy wild deer in northern Wisconsin.

Location of the Ceded Territory, Reservations and Deer Harvests.



GLIFWC CWD Surveillance Program



- Coordinate surveillance activities with WDNR
- Complement WDNR activities by testing in areas DNR has not tested.
- Tested over 400 deer in past two years
- No detection of any infected deer
- Testing continues annually



Potential Pathways of CWD to Northern Wisconsin

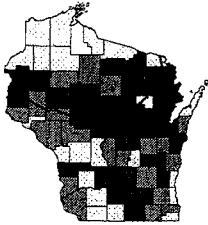
1. Carcasses of diseased animals being brought into northern Wisconsin (captive or harvested)
2. Captive infected animals coming into contact with live healthy animals.
3. Wild infected animals coming into contact with wild healthy animals.

Concerns with Carcass Transport and Disposal



- Deer and elk carcasses are known to transmit prions.
- Even after the animal has died and the carcass has decomposed prions remain infectious.
- Thus, concerns arise over the harvest of deer/elk in CWD endemic areas and the transport and improper disposal these potentially infected carcasses.
- Is the transport of carcasses from CWD endemic areas adequately regulated?
- Is the proper disposal of these carcasses required?

Concerns with Cervid Ranches

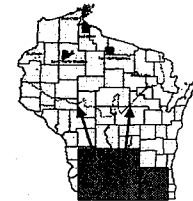
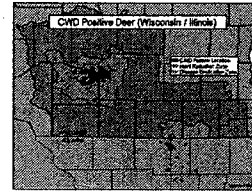


Many cervid ranches in counties hunted by tribal members

Concern about the transmittal of CWD from captive to wild animals.

1. Are fences capable of preventing escapes?
2. Are barriers sufficient to prevent animal-to-animal contact from within to outside the fence?
3. Are escaped animals captured or killed in timely manner?
4. Is response to positive CWD test on a cervid ranch timely?

Possible Spread of CWD



CWD present in 19 counties in Wisconsin
If left unchecked, could spread into northern Wisconsin.